

Allah and the 99 Names of God



A Series of Paintings

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THE DIVINE NAMES (THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD)

In The Quran, Allah revealed to us 99 names (attributes) for Himself. "The Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah, so call on Him by them". Sura 7: Ayat 180.

Prophet Mohamed (PBUH) stressed their importance by saying. "The Names of God are the keys to Paradise." One of my favorite prayers of the Prophet (PBUH) is "Oh Lord, please bless us with Your Names; those Names You revealed to us, those Names You taught your angels and other creations, and those You have not revealed and kept for Yourself".

My main contribution in this book is the painting of the Attributes of God. My design of the composition and choice of colors were selected to reflect the Arabic meaning. The English translation of the Attributes was obtained from different sources and approximately reflects their rich Arabic meaning.

Painting the Attributes of God has had a great spiritual impact on me. It is true they are so many, and it took a long time to paint especially using oil on canvas 11" X 14". However, they are so magnificent in meaning and so beautiful in Arabic calligraphy. It took me two years to finish this work (2005 & 2006) but it was a special spiritual journey which I needed after spending half a century in Anesthesiology. I had so much pleasure in composing and great bliss in painting each one. When I finished the series, I did not believe that I did that at my age, a pathway only for great Islamic artists and monks. All I could utter was "Thank you Lord. Please accept".

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The Shaper of Beauty

The Forgiver





The Sublime

The Greatest





The Guide to the Right Path

The Patient One





